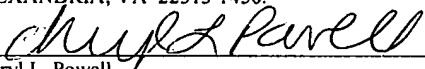


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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004. Kindly enter the following amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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